

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

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Acadia National Park is the place that lives many one-of-a-kind features. Nestled in coast of Maine on Mount Desert Island, Acadia has wildlife, a long history and many special features.

Cadillac Mountain is one of Acadia's specialties and is made of granite. Another specialty is Thunder Hole. When visitors go there they should cover their ears because when a big wave hits it, *KA-BOOOM!* Also, there is Somes Sound which is the only fjord on the east coast of the United States. All these special features are part of Acadia's rich history.

The history started with the settlers naming Acadia after an early French colony, "*Acadia*." It was also the first National Park east of the Mississippi River. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson formed his idea of creating the national park to protect Acadia's special landmarks and wildlife, but the community decided to enlarge its area of protection in 1929. Because of his consideration to protect the Mount Desert Island's stunning landscape and wildlife Acadia attracts about 5 million people a year and is the second most visited national park.

On the little island there is still one more piece of the puzzle that makes Acadia one-of-a-kind, wildlife. There are 300 *different* species of birds including peregrine falcons and golden eagles along with several land mammals. Also there are a large number of plants and trees. In the oceans there is one of the biggest mammals alive; the humpback whales but keep it alive because it is endangered. At the bottom of the ocean there are different grasses but other grasses are above the ocean.

Acadia's one-of-a-kind features like Cadillac Mountain and wildlife can be seen by anybody.

